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GOVERNOR SUPPORTS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has released this statement regarding the President-elect's proposed economic stimulus plan:

“Yesterday, we learned that Americans endured the single worst month of job loss in over three decades during the month of November. Today, President-elect Obama has declared that the United States will rise to meet the challenge.

“Barack Obama has unveiled an economic recovery plan that will not only jump-start the economy, but will put Americans to work building the foundation of a greener, smarter, more connected future.

“President-elect Obama's plan makes the single largest new investment in our nation's infrastructure since the creation of our national highway system in the 1950s. All states have highway, road, water, and other infrastructure projects that are already approved and ready-to-build immediately upon Federal investment. Shovels in the ground mean people back to work, which is why Barack Obama has told states to “use it or lose it”— funding must be quickly and efficiently targeted to spur the maximum job-creation and taxpayer value.

“Barack Obama has committed to moving the United States forward and restoring confidence in the economy. Key components of a recovery package such as infrastructure, and temporary and targeted assistance to help states protect critical health services, will not only help people stay on their feet during tough economic times, but these approaches also make good economic sense. Barack Obama's plan is to create jobs and stimulate the economy by building the roads, schools, and health care infrastructure that the nation will need to stay competitive in the long term.”

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